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In re the Application of:

LUBITZ, et al.

Art Unit: 1636

Application No.: 09/147,693

Examiner: Sandals, W.

Filed: February 17, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: P564-9005

For: NEW SYSTEMS FOR THE REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 12, 2001


Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for two months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 12, 2001, from May 12, 2001 to July 12, 2001, as we have already paid the extension fee for one month from April 12, 2001 to May 12, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fee of Three Hundred Ninety (\$390.00) dollars and any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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Respectfully submitted,


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